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TAGS: MASS, CG, BE, US  
SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR ZAIRE

REF (A) STATE 289739 (B) KINSHASA 9946

1. ON NOVEMBER 30 DCM APPROACHED DIRECTOR GENERAL VANDEN BLOOCK AT FONOF AND MADE POINTS IN STATE 289739. VANDEN BLOOCK'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT BELGIUM WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE STATE/DEFENSE TEAM IN EARLY DECEMBER. HE PROMISED TO GIVE AN OFFICIAL ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
  2. VANDEN BLOOCK SAID THAT ZAIRE HAD ASKED BELGIUM TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BELGIAN MILITARY INSTRUCTORS IN ZAIRE. VANDEN BLOOCK SAID THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD COMPLETED A TECHNICAL REVIEW AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEND ANOTHER 20 MILITARY INSTRUCTORS (FORMER BELGIAN MILITARY OFFICERS) TO ZAIRE TO ASSIST IN TRAINING THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL-LEVEL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE.
  3. VANDEN BLOOCK STATED THAT BELGIUM WOULD NOT PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR ZAIRE. HE LAMENTED THE ZAIRIAN APPETITE FOR MODERN MILITARY EQUIPMENT.
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